Sending of Secretaries of Government to districts to announce the decisions of Government.

* 182 *Q.*—SRI K. MANATHUNAINATHA DESIGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) on what occasions previous to 23rd October 1948, Secretaries of Government were sent to districts to announce decisions and policies of Government; and

(*b*) if on no previous occasion it has happened, why the above course was adopted, when the Joint Secretary was sent to Tanjore to announce the decision of the Government *re* Agrarian Labour dispute on the 23rd October 1948?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (*a*) All decisions of the Government are communicated by Secretaries to the Government, Secretaries who are declared to be Presidency Touring Officers, e.g., the present Joint Secretary and his predecessor, have both had to announce and explain the decisions of the Government in districts on many occasions.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

[* 183 *Q.*—The question was not put.]

Industries owned and managed by European firms.

* 184 *Q.*—SRI P. VIRABHADRASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the industries in the Province that are owned and managed by European firms with a major portion of European capital; and

(*b*) whether the Government propose to purchase these mills?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (*a*) The Government do not have full information.

" (*b*) No, Sir."

* 185 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In view of the long answer, Sir, which the Hon. the Minister has laid on the table will it be convenient, Sir, to take up this question the next day."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The question will be put the next day."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I have to announce to the House that 11-15 a.m. messages have been received from the Hon. the Speaker of the Madras Legislative Assembly transmitting copies of the following Bills as passed by the Assembly :—

(1) On 20th January 1949—The Madras City Police and Gaming (Amendment) Bill, 1948 (L.A. Bill No. 10 of 1948); the